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SUBJECT: ANGOLA: GOR DEL DEPARTS FOR OAU MEETING

1. SUMMARY - IN AIRPORT STATEMENT PRIOR DEPARTURE FOR OAU FONMIN MEETING, RWANDAN FONMIN REITERATED PREVIOUSLY STATE GOR NEUTRAL POSITION ON ANGOLA, DECRIED CONTINUING INTERVENTION BY FOREIGN "CAPITALIST AND SOCIALIST POWERS", PUBLICLY LABELED (FOR FIRST TIME) USSR AS OPERATING IN ANGOLA AND STATED GOR PRESIDENT WOULD LIKELY ATTEND OAU SUMMIT. END SUMMARY

2. GOR POSITION - RWANDAN DEL LED BY FONMIN NSEKALIJE DEPARTED KIGALI JAN 6 FOR OAU MINISTER'S MEETING ADDIS. IN RESPONSE AIRPORT REPORTER'S QUESTIONS RE GOR POSITION ON ANGOLA, FONMIN REFERRED TO DECLARATIONS OF NOV 13 AND DEC 4 (KIGALI 659 AND 717) REGARDING NON-RECOGNITION ANY SINGLE FACTION AND CONDEMNATION SOAFRICAN ROLE.

3. FOREIGN INTERVENTION - NSEKALIJE NOTED "CERTAIN FOREIGN POWERS INCLUDING CAPITALIST AND SOCIALIST POWERS HAVE EMPLOYED DIPLOMATIC PRESSURE PLUS MILITARY AND ECONOMIC POWER", ADDING THAT THEY HAVE SEPARATED AFRICAN
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OPINION SO THAT 20 COUNTRIES NOW RECOGNIZE MPLA WHILE 20

OTHERS EXPECT "A MORE EQUITABLE SOLUTION".

4. OAU FORCE - WHEN ASKED IF INTERNATIONAL AFRICAN FORCE UNDER OAU LEADERSHIP WOULD BE NECESSARY, NSEKALIJE SAID QUESTION NOT YET BEEN SUFFICIENTLY STUDIED TO REACH A DECISION AND THAT THERE WERE ALREADY "MANY FOREIGN FORCES OPERATING WHETHER ON THE SIDE OF THE SOVIET UNION OR OF OTHER POWERS SUCH AS SOUTH AFRICA" AND CITED EXAMPLE OF "4,000 KATANGANS ENLISTED BY MPLA". (SUBSEQUENT PUBLICATION OF INTERVIEW BY AGENCE RWANDAISE DE PRESSE OMITTED SOVIET REFERENCE.) HE ADDED THAT AN AFRICAN FORCE COMPOSED OF UNITS OR ARMIES WHICH DEFEND DIFFERENT CAUSES/IDEOLOGIES MAY NOT BE ABLE OPERATE IN MANNER ADEQUATE TO ASSURE JUST AND DURABLE PEACE.

5. OAU SUMMIT - WHILE NOTING PRESIDENT'S BUSY SCHEDULE, NSEKALIJE RECALLED SECOND REPUBLIC POLICY TO END RWANDA'S FORMER POLITICAL ISOLATION BY PARTICIPATING IN AFRICAN AND WORLD AFFAIRS AND SAID PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA WOULD MOST LIKELY PARTICIPATE IN OAU SUMMIT.

6. US PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE - RADIO RWANDA JAN 6 NOTED US AMB HAD CALLED ON PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA TO PRESENT "PERSONAL MSG FROM AMERICAN PRESIDENT". NEITHER SUBJECT NOR CONTENTS LETTER DISCLOSED. FRITTS

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